

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 21, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 168

Introduced by Senator Denham

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Jeffries, Maze, Mullin, and Smyth)

February 1, 2007

An act to add Section 56351.10 to the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 168, as amended, Denham. Physical education for the blind and visually impaired.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to form an advisory task force, with prescribed membership approved by the State Board of Education, to develop standards for mastery of the braille code by pupils, and to report to the Governor and the Legislature by June 30, 2004.

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The Superintendent is required to utilize that task force to develop standards for pupils to learn, and to achieve mastery of, the braille mathematics code as they progress ~~from~~ *through* kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. ~~Existing law requires the~~ *The task force is required* to report to the ~~state board~~ *State Board* by March 1, 2006, regarding those standards.

This bill would require the Superintendent to form an advisory task force, with prescribed membership approved by the State Board of Education, to develop guidelines ~~in the field of physical education to promote physical fitness by pupils in each school district who are~~

~~functionally blind or visually impaired as a resource for teachers of~~
functionally blind and visually impaired pupils in the area of physical education. This bill would require the task force to report to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the Legislature by June 30, 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) *It is the intent of the Legislature for*
2 *functionally blind and visually impaired pupils to have full and*
3 *equal access to the physical education that is part of the course*
4 *of study requirements meant for all pupils.*

5 (b) (1) *It is also the intent of the Legislature for teachers of*
6 *functionally blind and visually impaired pupils to have a resource*
7 *in the form of guidelines that include teaching strategies and*
8 *methods to ensure that the Physical Education Model Content*
9 *Standards for California Public Schools adopted by the State*
10 *Board of Education can be taught effectively. The guidelines also*
11 *are intended to include best practices of accommodation,*
12 *adaptation, and modification of physical education activities, so*
13 *that functionally blind and visually impaired pupils can be included*
14 *in all physical education that is part of the course of study*
15 *requirements meant for all pupils.*

16 (2) *The guidelines are intended to be directed toward classroom*
17 *teachers, general physical education teachers, and school*
18 *administrators.*

19 ~~SECTION 1.~~

20 SEC. 2. Section 56351.10 is added to the Education Code, to
21 read:

22 56351.10. (a) The Superintendent shall form an advisory task
23 force to develop guidelines ~~in the field of physical education to~~
24 ~~promote physical fitness by pupils in each school district who are~~
25 ~~functionally blind or visually impaired.~~ *as a resource for teachers*
26 *of functionally blind and visually impaired pupils in the area of*
27 *physical education.*

28 (b) The task force shall include, but not be limited to, members
29 approved by the State Board of Education representing all of the
30 following:

31 (1) Parents of visually impaired pupils.

- 1 (2) Teachers of visually impaired pupils.
- 2 (3) Researchers in the field of visual impairment.
- 3 (4) Physical fitness education experts.
- 4 (5) Groups that advocate for the blind on issues that include
- 5 physical education.
- 6 (c) The task force shall report to the Superintendent, the
- 7 Governor, and to the education committees of the Assembly and
- 8 the Senate by June 30, 2009.

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